

1 1. (currently amended) A plug-in connector for plumbing fixtures having
2 **comprising:**
3 a plug-in bushing associated [to] **with** the plumbing fixture[,] ;
4 an undercut associated [to] **with** the plug-in bushing[,] ; **and**
5 **a flange having a non-circular shaped perimeter, the flange being**
6 **attachable to a line near an end of the line, wherein** ~~to be connected to the~~
7 ~~plumbing fixture, and a flange attached near the end of the line that has a~~
8 ~~perimeter having other than a circular shape and that may be brought into~~
9 ~~engagement~~ **the line is connected to the plumbing fixture by inserting the**
10 **line with the flange thereon into the plug-in bushing beyond the undercut,**
11 **and engaging the flange** with the undercut by rotating [it,] **the flange** ~~after the~~
12 ~~line end has been pushed into the plug-in bushing.~~

1 2. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein
2 the undercut is configured such that the line, along with the flange, may be
3 rotated to the extent that withdrawal of the line from the plug-in bushing will be
4 prevented **by engagement of the flange with the undercut.**

1 3. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is
2 configured such that the undercut and flange will be wedged together when the
3 line is rotated.

1 4. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the flange is
2 configured such that the undercut and flange will be wedged together when the
3 line is rotated.

1 5. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein
2 the undercut and **the** flange jointly form a bayonet connector **when the line is**
3 **rotated.**

1 6. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is
2 formed on one side of the plug-in bushing only.

1 7. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is
2 formed around the end of the line.

1 8. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the undercut is
2 at least partially formed ahead of the plug-in bushing.

1 9. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein
2 **the plumbing fixtures have a housing and** the plug-in bushing is formed in an
3 adapter element, situated between a mixer cartridge and the housing of ~~the~~ **a**
4 plumbing fixture.

1 10. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein
2 **the plumbing fixtures have a housing and** the undercut is formed in the
3 housing of ~~the~~ **a** plumbing fixture.

1 11. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ **9**,
2 wherein the undercut is formed in the adapter element.

1 12. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim **11**, wherein
2 ~~the~~ ends of the undercut in the adapter element are open and may be closed by
3 inserting the adapter into the housing of the plumbing fixture.

1 13. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim **11**, wherein
2 ~~the~~ ends of the plug-in bushing in the adapter element are open and may be
3 closed by inserting the adapter into the housing of the plumbing fixture.

1 14. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the
2 flange is located at a distance from the free end of the line.

1 15. (currently amended) A plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein an
2 axial force acting on the flange forces ~~[[it]]~~ the flange up against the undercut in
3 order to clamp the end of the line having the flange in the plug-in bushing.

1 16. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 15, wherein an
2 elastic element is provided in order to exert the axial force acting on the flange.

1 17. (original) A plug-in connector according to claim 16, wherein the
2 elastic element is formed by an O-Ring.